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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation of 17 August 1978

1. Delivered the Polar atlas; it was particularly well received. Mention was made that this is the kind of thing he enjoys reading through in detail.

2. PDB during vacation. There will be one to two days when the President is on the river and the PDB cannot be easily delivered. Rest of the time the situation will be normal. If we can anticipate those one or two days, I indicated I would asterisk items in the PDB that we did not try to transmit to the President's party. We would either hold them for retransmittal when he came back from the river, or consolidate them with other more up-to-date information later on.

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a. [] will be going out to join the party after the trip on the river and taking more material.

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There will be a study period for the MidEast Summit.

[] other written materials in preparation for the Summit should be made ready as soon as possible for delivery to the White House for transmittal with []

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b. In subsequent conversation with Brzezinski, it became clear that the decision by the President yesterday to have an NSC meeting on the MidEast around the 1st or 2nd may not be carried out. Brzezinski interprets that to be an NSC meeting on the broad character of the Middle East situation and not on specific preparation for the Summit. He intends to have specific preparatory meetings on a much more closed basis. Accordingly, we are going to have to be prepared to get our licks in both orally and in writing rather than count absolutely on an oral presentation.

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3. I expressed thanks for Wednesday's visit. There was a very warm response on the other side that it had been equally enjoyed. The Vice President had previously mentioned to me that the visit had been a big success from the White House point of view. The opinion was also expressed to me that the sentiments about the quality of our work, stated on the steps to the Agency, were very sincere.

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4. I discussed the [redacted] OLC is to keep me posted on when the Senate is likely to adjourn.

5. I discussed the two reports we had on Soviet annoyance at our intelligence efforts against them. I failed to make the point that these seem to confirm the bona fides of Filatov and by some implication TRIGON. (Remind me to take that up with Brzezinski next week.)

6. I discussed the compromise of [redacted] I was asked if we had accounted for the missing copy of the document. I said I had asked that question but not yet received the answer. 25X1

7. I briefed on the [redacted] 25X1

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8. I touched on the operational constraints. I have given directive to John McMahon as to where to pick this up.

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9. [redacted] It was well received. Briefed on [redacted] Delivered the pamphlet. Think the briefing was well received. We were a bit pressed for time. Comment was made that it looked like the Congress would pass a law next year to go ahead with mining if this had not been resolved. I think my rejoinder to that, that it would cause a lot of problems, was a helpful contribution and probably made the preparation of the briefing worthwhile. I think the points about the changing face of the globe as less and less of it is a free area came through well also.

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